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April 7, 1965

Mr. Tom McAfee  
Hawaii Stamp & Coin Shop  
2122 Kalakaua Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Dear Mr. McAfee:

I will be glad to examine any coin you wish to send to me.

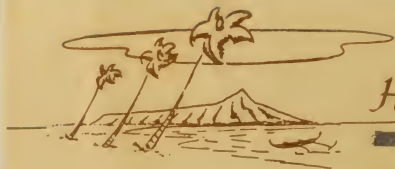
I do want you to know that Mr. Ostheimer did considerable work on the restriking of Hawaiian coins and wonder if you checked with him.

In any event if I can serve you, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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10 April 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks for your letter received today concerning the coin I am sending you.

Jim Risk of New York Coin Galleries had the coin for awhile and it was shown to the Ostheimers while he had it. His conclusion was that the coin is from the original dies and genuine. I assume the Ostheimers opinion concurred with this but do not know for sure.

Walter Breen thought the coin to be genuine but had a few questions concerning it. "If struck- how did doubling occur? On die as in striking? And why bubble marks? If cast- how come appearance of doubling, "die break" and sharp definition? "

A couple of other people at the LA convention that Walter showed the coin to didn't agree with his findings so I'm still looking for something conclusive.

The equation on the field of the Obv. appears to have been placed there for some purpose although I can't imagine for what. Possible you could shed some light on this for me.

Will be most interesting to hear your findings.

Sincerely,

*Tom McAtee*  
Tom McAtee

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Attention: Mr. Tom McAfee

Gentlemen:

I am sorry you did not send the various opinions you have obtained up to now on what you designate in the holder as a Hawaiian unique 1883 lead pattern dollar. It would have been helpful to have the findings of others.

The coin weighs 387 grains and has a specific gravity of 8.3. This would make it pot metal, or type metal, or white metal, and in no event could it be lead. There may, of course, be some lead in the mixture. It is not a pattern, in my opinion, merely a striking from a pair of dollar dies done to create a novelty. It certainly is a struck piece. It is poorly struck, as the collar did not leave very much in the way of edge reeding. The die break across the obverse is very heavy and, no doubt, the die had been rejected. The obverse is double struck, as you know.

On the reverse you will notice little blobs of metal on the tassels on each side of the coat of arms and a blob above the large capital D.

It is perfectly clear that the dies for the Hawaiian coinage were not all destroyed at the time the records indicate. Either there were more made than were accounted for or some of those accounted for were not destroyed. Since there are novelty strikings of Hawaiian pieces in various medals, done long after 1883, this piece should be in that class.

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The V h25 scratched on to the obverse has no meaning to me.

I, therefore, conclude that you have an unusual piece, of which I have not seen another, but it does not have the status of an assay or pattern - rather that of a restrike from original dies.

I hope I have been helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,



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